GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services- Disciplinary Proceedings initiated under Rule 20 of A.P.C.S.(CC&A) Rules, 1991 against four charged officers who are sole responsible for the entire case of Smt.G.Seetharamulu (Retd.) Grade-II Supervisor, who misappropriated the SNP stock worth of Rs.2,35,816/-Explanation received -Inquiry Officer Appointed - Inquiry report submitted - Withholding of 10 % of pension for a period of one (1) year on the Charged Officer, Smt. M.Lalitha Kumari, CDPO (Retd.), besides recovery of misappropriated amount of Rs.2,35,816/- in equal shares from all the said (4) Charged Officers - Final orders - Issued.

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DEPT., FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN, DIFFERENTLY ABLED & SENIOR CITIZENS (Estt.)

G.O.RT.No. 103 Dated: 25-06-2025

Read the following:-

1. Rc.No.1087/A/2011, dt.14-09-2016 of RJD, WD&CW Dept., Eluru Region.
2. Charge Memo No.3808/C1/2011, dt.20.08.2018 of Spl. Commissioner, WD&CW Dept., Guntur.
3. Explanation submitted by Smt.M.Lalitha Kumari, CDPO, dt.27.12.2022.
4. No.3808/C1/2011, dt.20.08.2018 of Spl. Commissioner, WD&CW Dept., Guntur.
5. Rc.No. 309/A2/2020, Dated: 30.07.2021 of PD, DW&CDA, Vijayawada, Krishna District.
6. Explanation of Smt.M.Lalitha Kumari, CDPO, dt.30.11.2022.
7. Lr.No.WDC02-12022/8/2020-DC, dated: 29-10-2021 of the Director, WD&CW, Guntur, received on 27-01-2022.
8. Govt.Memo.No.524917/Estt/A1/2016, dt.12.03.2025 of Secretary to Government, Dept., for WCDA&SCs., A.P., Secretariat, Velagapudi.
9. Lr.No.WDC02-12022/8/2020-DC, dated: 15.04.2025 of the Director, WD&CW, Guntur.
10. Govt.Memo.No.524917/Estt/A1/2016, Dt.12-05-2025
11. Explanation of Smt M.Lalitha Kumari, Retd. ACDPO, Dated.11.06.2025.

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ORDER:

In the references 7th and 9th read above, the Special Commissioner, WD&CW, AP, Guntur has informed that the RJD, WD&CW, Eluru, has submitted report vide 1st reference read above and requested to take action against (i) Smt.M. Lalitha Kumari, CDPO (FAC) (ii) Smt P. Savitri, CDPO, ICDS Project, Peddapuram, East Godavari District (iii) Sri M. Johnson, Sr.Asst. and (iv) Sri D.Srikantha Raju, Sr.Asst., who are sole responsible for the entire case of Smt.G.Seetharamulu (Retd.) Grade-II Supervisor, who misappropriated the SNP stock worth of Rs.2,35,816/-.

2. The Special Commissioner, WD&CW, AP, Guntur has initiated common disciplinary proceedings against the four public servants i.e. (i) Smt M. Lalitha Kumari, CDPO (FAC) (ii) Smt P.Savitri, CDPO (iii) Sri M. Johnson, Sr.Asst. and (iv) Sri D. Srikantha Raju, Sr.Asst., as they have failed to file criminal case against Smt. G. Sitramulu, sup. Gr.II., since 2011 and for violation of Rule 14 of G.O.Ms.No.25, Genl. Admn. (Ser-C) Dept., dt: 03.02.2004, by issuing charge memos vide reference 2nd read above.

3. The Charged Officer has submitted explanation vide reference 3rd read above and requested to deny the charge against her. After examination of the explanation of Charged Officer and the same is not convincing.

4. The Project Director, DW&CDA, Krishna was appointed as Enquiry Officer vide reference 4th read above under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, to conduct detailed enquiry in this case.

5. The Enquiry Officer has submitted enquiry report vide reference 5th read above and stating that the charge i.e. “Being a responsible drawing officer she has shown negligence of duties in filling FIR against the culprit Smt.G.Seetharamulu, Supervisor Grade-II(Retd.), which constitutes misconduct of failure to maintain absolute integrity and devotion to duty and commission of an act unbecoming of a Government servant, in violation of sub-rules (1) and (2) of Rule 3 of the APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964” is held proved.

6. The Charged Officer has submitted explanation vide reference 6th read above and requested to drop the charge against her and take early action in matter. However the explanation given by the C.O is not convincing.

7. Meanwhile, the Charged Officer Smt.M.Lalitha Kumari, the then CDPO, ICDS Project (FAC), Sankavaram, has retired from service on 31-05-2024 before submitting the enquiry report by the Enquiry Officer. The Government is competent authority to take action in respect of retired public servants as per Rule 9 of AP Revised Pension Rules 1980. Hence, the enquiry report is herewith submitted to Government for further course of action in this case vide reference 9th read above.

8. Government, after examining the findings of the Inquiring Authority and other material on hand, have provisionally decided under Rule-9 of the A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980 to impose the punishment "Withholding of 10% of pension for a period of one (1) year on the Charged Officer, Smt.M.Lalitha Kumari, the then CDPO, ICDS Project (FAC), Sankavaram, besides recovery of misappropriated amount of Rs.2,35,816/- in equal shares from all the said (4) Charged Officers and Show Cause Notice was issued vide reference 10th read above. The Charged Officer has submitted an explanation and the explanation is not convincing.

9. Government, after careful examination of the entire matter, have decided and hereby order to impose a penalty of withholding of 10% of pension for a period of one (1) year on the Charged Officer, Smt.M.Lalitha Kumari, the then CDPO, ICDS Project (FAC), Sankavaram, besides recovery of misappropriated amount of Rs.2,35,816/- in equal shares from all the said (4) Charged Officers.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

A SURYA KUMARI
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The individual through the Director, WD&CW, AP, Guntur
The Director, WD&CW, AP, Guntur.
SF/Sc (C.No.524917)

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